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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

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Case No. 3:21-cv-170-MMD-CLB

CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Defendant Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, respectfully moves this Court for an extension of his time to respond to the complaint in this case until July 23, 2021. The Secretary's response is currently due by June 25. Plaintiff's claims in this case are closely related to those presented in *Empire Health Foundation v. Azar*, 958 F.3d 873 (9th Cir. 2020), in which the government has petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. That petition was circulated for consideration at the Supreme Court's conference of June 24, 2021, but the Court has not yet ruled on it. Because the Court's decision to grant or deny certiorari in *Empire Heath* is likely to substantially affect the course of this case, the Secretary respectfully requests an extension of time to allow the parties to discuss a schedule for further proceedings after learning whether the Court will rule on the petition for certiorari before its summer recess. Plaintiff consents to this relief.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of June, 2021,

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated:

June 28, 2021